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Election

From Khrushchev to JFK

1. During my conversat. w. all these questions with your sub. TX
I told him that we are ready to take into consideration
the circumstances that you are finding yourself in in connection
with preparation for congressional elections. Such, evidently
are "traditions" in the US that in the course of election
struggle they forget, carried away by passions, about
common sense and begin playing with fire, competing in saying
more and louder absurd things that now danger of war
increases. In order not to play in such conditions a role of
some third force breaking from outside into the
struggle between the competing parties we decided to put
the German problem, so to say, on ice until the end of
the elections. We had in mind that after elections we
would resume the dialogue. We were under the impression
that we would meet on understanding on the part of the
American side, all the more that on many questions relating to

From these without a certain rapprochement of our
positions has already been achieved that gives hope for
a possibility of an agreement.

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2. After the elections, apparently in the 2d half of Nov., it
would be necessary in our opinion to continue the dialogue.
Of great importance

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personal contacts of state

on the highest level. I think that if we: persons
entrusted with great confidence and bearing enormous
responsibility, constantly feel this respons., we will
have to work

Recently I had a talk with your Sec. of Dr. M. Udall.

He made a good impression on me. Our conversation was friendly. And I never expected that at the time I talked with him you could take a decision to request from the Congress an authority to call up 150,000 reservists.

Motivating that step of yours you referred to the ~~necessity~~ not-hot state of international atmosphere and to a necessity for you in that connection to react promptly to the dangers that may arise in any part of "the free world." Everybody understands that when the Pres of the US demands an increase in armed forces and explains that demand by an aggravation of the situation, it means that he considers that the situation is aggravated by the other side, that is by us, the SC. But we haven't done anything that could give a pretext for that. We did not carry out any mobilization, and did not make any threats.

I must tell you straightforwardly, Mr. Pres. that your statement with threats against Cuba is just an inconceivable step. Under present circumstances, when there exist thousand weapons, your request to Congress for an auth. to call up 170,000 reservists is not only a step making the atmosphere red-hot, it is already a dangerous sign that you want to pour oil in the flames, to extinguish that red-hot glow by making new military contingents.

And that, naturally, forces the other side to respond in kind.

What would it all lead to, all the more that you consider that the US has the right to attack Cuba whenever it wishes?

But nowadays is not the Middle Ages, though even at that time it was considered brigandage, and measures were taken against such actions. And in our time such actions are absolutely unthinkable. That is what made us to come out with the TASS statement and later at the session of the UN GA to qualify your act, to remind you of the

none of situation & line and I to say about
West Berlin.

If there were not statement by you on Cuba, we
naturally, as Amb. Jk and Mr. Udell were told, would
not say anything on West Berlin. Your statement forced
us to do so.

We regret that this dangerous line is being continued
in the US now. What is going on, for instance, in the US
Congress? How can one, for example, fail to notice
the decision of the House of Representatives to stop giving
US aid to any country that trades with Cuba or whose ships
are used for trading with Cuba. Isn't that an act of
an unpardonable arbitrariness against freedom of
international trade, an act of unwarranted interference into
domestic affairs of other countries?

Very serious consequences may have the resolution
adopted by the US Senate on the Cuban question. The
contents of that resolution gives grounds to draw a

conclusion that the US is evidently ready to assume responsibility for unleashing TN war. We consider that if what is written in that resolution were actually carried out it would mean the beginning of war because no country can agree with such interpretation of rights, ^{with} such arbitrariness. Then there would be no UN, everything would collapse and roll into abysses as it happened once when League of Nations collapsed. Who wrecked it then? Japan & Hitler, who put the League of Nations to water their hands and start a war. And they did start it. Could it be that the US wants to embark on such a road?

We would greatly regret if it were so. We still do not lose hope that we will be able to normalize our relations.

On the state of Sov-American relation I would also like to express some other considerations.

I spoke, e.g., to Amb. PA of the buzzing of our ships by American planes. On what grounds this buzzing of the ships sailing in international waters is carried on? Moreover, US Navy ships demand that our ships report to them where they go and what cargo they carry. One US Navy ship even attempted to stop our vessel. I told them Mr. PA to ^{convey} report to you, that we protest against this. Sov ships which follow on the course given them by the Gov have instructions not to yield to any private demands in international waters and to proceed on their course even if they are threatened with opening fire.

I said then and I repeat — let them try to stop and sink our ships — this will be the beginning of war because we will answer in kind. We have enough of submarines which can defend the honor of the motherland. Our state possesses other means too. You also possess similar means.

1. Stated reply to conditions then. Deal on cessation of tests.
2. your reply: serious effort to work out agreement by 1 Jan 67.

will not make you warty.

no ceiling agreement. Statement in 1959 by Khrushchev: no hydrogen bomb.

5 year moratorium on underground, while sought.

RFK - warning.

lot - bombs

Berlin - promised.

peace treaty. prestige. UN troops.

Admiral. Recommendation.

election

foreign troops in Berlin. NATO base.

considers best thing UN troops. GDR + FRG in UN.

inter law

not interfere into domestic affairs; not threaten.

neighbors do not like.

rights
law attack — country not of bkg. lead to world war.

UN Charter. don't moral foundation of UN — to interfere.

why then

U-2 balloon

took explanation

Now clear not by accident because U-2 over China.

just combat machines

not robotic.

Forward ~~by~~ by your robot. + by other means

ask industrial an anxiety

not further aggravate situation + offend the world.

We on our part say again to you that we will do nothing
with regard to West Berlin ~~but~~ until the elections in the US.

dangerous hot. hot. spoils red.